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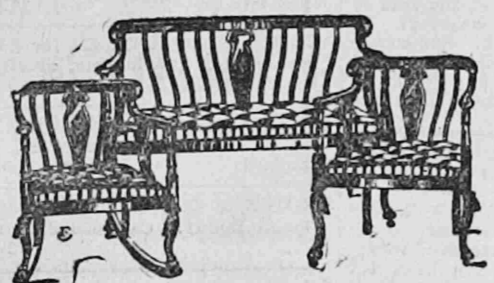
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THOSE EMPTY HOUSES.

The Salt Lake Tribune is an angry as a wet hen because the Standard, reproducing an article from the Salt Lake Herald-Republican, made comment on the Herald's statement that Salt Lake City was being deserted, with empty houses to be seen on every street. The Tribune says:

"The shameful presentation made by the Smoot organ of decaying conditions, vacant houses, lack of manufactures, etc., falsely claimed to be present here, has been seized on with glee by Salt Lake's enemies. The Ogden Standard of Thursday evening emits a yell of triumph, quoting the Smoot paper's showing, and considers it a 'frank confession that the boom has fallen flat, and that Salt Lake is a city of empty houses.' The Standard points to Salt Lake City as a bad example, denounces the building of the skyscrapers here as 'one of the greatest blunders made in Salt Lake,' and says that Salt Lake has been guilty of 'false booming' and 'is suffering for its folly.'"

"And all this based on a false text taken from a rascally newspaper that emitted the falsehood in its chagrin and rage at the failure of its scheme to blackmail the coal companies." The Standard is not an enemy of Salt Lake City. This paper is not rejoicing over the decadence of that city, but is drawing a wholesome lesson, from the disastrous results of the bursted boom, to support its contention that an inflation, based on false hopes, and in response to unscrupulous booming, cannot have other than one ending.

This paper is justified in accepting the lugubrious utterances of the Salt Lake paper as truthful statements of conditions in that city. The Herald-Republican, in its editorial of Wednesday, said:

"The truth behind these empty houses in Salt Lake is just that. We are as energetic as the citizens of any other community in the nation, our business faculties are just as acute and well trained, they respond readily to any proposition for personal or civic advancement, yet Salt Lake is not doing the business it ought to be."

We are disposed to commiserate, and not grow exultant, over Salt Lake's empty houses, and the Tribune is rather harsh in charging us with enmity because we have seen fit to accept the stories of utter desolation which come out of Zion.

UTAH IN THE CORPORATION'S GRIP.

It was a fact well known to this paper that the Honorable Parley L. Williams, general attorney of the Harriman lines, located at Salt Lake City, was the great dictator of Utah politics. He is the one who insisted on making George Sutherland a United States senator, because he had trained the said George as a corporation lawyer in Parley's own office. Sutherland had acted as a corporation lawyer for the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line railways and also for

the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad before his election to the senate. When the Harriman-Gould interests wanted another senator in the United States congress, they simply notified the Hon. Parley L. Williams as to what was wanted, and the Honorable Parley so arranged it in Utah.

The general public perhaps never were suspicious of the dictatorship of Parley L. Williams in Utah affairs or that, although he is a Democrat, he wielded more influence in Republican politics than perhaps any Republican in the state of Utah.

Among the paid agents of the various corporation interests in Utah are found Democrats, Republicans, Socialists, Mormons and non-Mormons, and all the Honorable Parley has had to do was to lay his wires and then pull them. Being himself the son-in-law of a Mormon bishop, yet, at the same time a strong anti-Mormon, he, like no other man, understood the Utah situation and, with the combined backing of both the Harriman and Gould interests, this easily made Parley Williams the most powerful political factor in Utah, excepting only the Mormon church leadership, should the latter care to assert itself.

True, Williams did not favor Reed Smoot for senator, but he was entirely too shrewd to make his opposition too formidable, for when he saw that the church leaders gave Reed Smoot permission to enter the political field, the Hon. Parley L. Williams reluctantly gave way in order to save his great prestige for the big interests he represented.

We have been waiting for the Salt Lake Tribune to expose the power of Mr. Williams and we were much surprised to find, instead of the Tribune, that the Salt Lake Herald-Republican should tell the story. Here is what the Herald-Republican says:

But the inquiry in the east shows that Utah people have not been given the credit of being reasonably conservative. The Harriman interests, which have known some peaceful moments in the state due to the conservatism of its people, have not understood the reason. In their opinion, Parley L. Williams, general counsel in Utah for the Oregon Short Line, has been keeping the state conservative. It was the Williams hand, fine and Italian, which was regarded in New York as the controlling interest for business sanity in Utah.

In the mind's eye of the Harriman interests in New York, Williams has stood like a rock, immovable, sad, gloomy and peculiar, pushing back with both hands the rising tide radicalism in Utah.

Like Mother Partington, who swept back the sea with a broom, Williams has waved his hand, and the storm of Utah discontent has calmed, the winds recede into a soft murmur like the summer zephyr, and public sentiment has crept growling into its cavern for two more years. Williams is in the east now, explaining to his employers the Utah statutes on the subject of trusts in general and coal trusts in particular, posing before them as the proprietor of Utah, while the managing director of the great Harriman system sits in speechless admiration for the great man who carries in his vest pocket the destinies of a sovereign state.

Coming from a newspaper, in which George Sutherland is a part owner, the foregoing reproduction proves conclusively that all is not harmony within the big interests. Perhaps Sutherland feels big enough to throw off the yoke of his "Dear Friend Parley." Perhaps the Herald-Republican is only trying to throw dust in the eyes of the people. Perhaps—well, just remember when the same paper thundered aloud for prohibition and then switched to the other side without any explanation whatever, that you must draw your own conclusion by reading between the lines.

Is it possible that Parley Williams is not supporting Senator Sutherland for the supreme court? If not, what is the trouble? Utah may get a square deal, if the politicians fall out.

CITY EMPLOYEES IN DANGER.

The railroad officers ordered the arrest of Crematory Officer Douglas this morning because the old man, faithful to his duties, had obeyed the instructions of the city authorities. Apparently the railroad officials do not propose to allow the city to play in their back yard, as they have set up a claim to the crematory grounds and are vexed over the audacious conduct of the city in so disregarding their contention as to load up a dozen wagons with garbage and dump them near the back door of the railroad yards.

Instead of arresting the aged Mr. Douglas, the railroad officers should pounce upon the mayor or the head of the city council. The arrest of either would lend excitement to a really amusing situation.

A WARRANTY DEED FOR OGDEN?

The railroad company has stopped Superintendent Kircher of the Ogden Waterworks from laying the water mains on Twenty-fourth street, west of Wall avenue. It appears that a little over two years ago the city of Ogden gave the railroad company permission to build a viaduct over Twenty-fourth street, west of Wall avenue, closing said street to public travel. All this was done for the benefit of the railroad companies.

The present city government, however, was under the impression that, while the former city government had granted the right to use the surface of Twenty-fourth street, the city had reserved the right to go into the ground underneath the surface, but the railroad company, it seems, claims absolute title to the ground in question.

Ogden has been very good to the railroads. The latter have been getting everything they asked for, yet everything Ogden has wanted has been declined. Every street running west, between Twentieth and Thirtieth streets, is occupied by the railroad tracks and one would think the railroad companies would be decent enough to permit Charley Kircher to drive under the tracks with his water pipes on one street, without bringing about the humiliation of the whole city government.

We suggest that the mayor send a communication to the city council recommending that a warranty deed be made, transferring to the railroads all of Ogden City, including her inhabitants, "together with all hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging," including the circumambient air, and all the ground between the earth's surface in Utah extending to China in the Orient. Then in the future, when Ogden shall want anything, she can get down on her knees and implore for favors. But now to ask for such favors, when the things we want are really ours, indicates that we are cowards and submit willingly to a serfdom that should not exist. We admit the railroads own a big part of Ogden, but not all of it, and the city is not going to get on her knees asking permission to use its own streets—not under the present city government.

CALIFORNIA WINE IN ITALY.

Plans are being made for exporting to Italy heavy shipments of California wine, and the Italian wine-growers are up in arms over this new competition; they want the government to protect them. As the government cannot prohibit importations, it has contented itself with issuing a statement declaring that California wine is not good, and that even at that it cannot be sold in Italy at a price low enough to compete with the home products. Thirty-five cents a gallon in Italy is the minimum price for it, as officially stated by the minister of agriculture. At this low rate what must the California grower get for it, after the freight and duty have been paid? For years a considerable volume of American wine has been going to Europe, to be mixed with European wines and sold under European labels. Our cotton oil goes through the same metamorphosis, returning to us as "olive" oil.

Saw Mill—"Billy" Wilson states that his saw mill near the mouth of Ogden canyon is again in running order and that "sawing" will begin within the next few days.

The Adventures OF HERCULES

ADVENTURE NO. 8.

SLAYING THE HUGE GIANT CACUS.

Cacus was a huge giant, who inhabited a cave on Mount Aventine, and plundered the surrounding country. When Hercules was driving home the oxen of Geryon, Cacus stole part of the cattle, while the hero slept. That their footprints might not serve to show where they had been driven, he dragged them backward by their tails to the cave. So their tracks all seemed to show that they had gone in the opposite direction. Hercules was deceived by this stratagem, and would have failed to find his oxen, if it had not happened that in driving the remainder of the herd past the cave where the stolen ones were concealed, those within began to low, and were thus discovered. Cacus was slain by Hercules.

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